

# OUTGOING TELEGRAM Department of State

INDICATE:  COLLECT  
 CHARGE TO

CONFIDENTIAL

2  
276

59

ON

ACTION: Amembassy VIENTIANE EXMUR 468

FE

REF: Report CA-4273.

SS

G

SP

L

H

SAL

ARA

EUR

IO

P

IOP

INR

RMR

In addition to approach on Chinese representation reftel should you ~~xxxxxx~~ also discuss with Souvanna RLG position on Cuba. You should take strong line that Lao position, when ~~this~~ cold war issues ~~are~~ clearly drawn in UNGA, will be subject close world attention; true Lao neutrality can best be demonstrated ~~in this case~~ by abstaining. We certainly do not feel that special position of Laos lends itself to associating with any self-styled neutral bloc. You may wish suggest Souvanna personally keep close tab on instructions Quinim may be sending to Sisouk. FYI We have information that Sisouk may be deliberately avoiding consultation with his govt in order to give himself wider freedom of action. Lao Embassy also informs us that in absence instructions Sisouk plans abstain on critical issues. END FYI.

END.

DJSR

Drafted by:

10/24/82

FE:SEA:HLTKoren:CTCross:cmf

Telegraphic transmission and

classification approved by: FE-W, Averell Harriman

Cleareances:

FE - Mr. Sullivan (draft)

CONFIDENTIAL

REPRODUCTION FROM THIS  
COPY IS PROHIBITED  
UNLESS "UNCLASSIFIED".